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FATAL DISCOVERIES.

INVENTIONS THAT BROUGHT THEIR ORIGINATORS TO THE GRAVE.

Scientific Secrets That Have Been Buried With the Men Who Possessed Them and That Were the Causes of Their Tragic Taking Off.

The maxim which states that silence is golden has cost the world some of the greatest discoveries of modern times, for not a few of the inventors whose names would have been handed down to posterity as public benefactors have been killed by their secrets before they would consent to divulge them to their fellow beings.

In 1805 all Europe was startled by the discovery of a new explosive called fulminate, which, it was believed, would revolutionize modern warfare.

It was the invention of an Exeter Scientist named Sawbridge, and samples of the explosive which were tested by the government revealed the fact that its power was three times greater than that of cordite and in consequence it would treble the range of a rifle bullet.

The German government offered Sawbridge £25,000 for his invention, which he patriotically refused until the home authorities had had the first option of purchase. But just as the latter were about to seal a contract with him the news came that his laboratory had been blown up and himself with it. Unfortunately he left no records whatever, and although some of the leading experts of the day minutely examined the debris they failed to discover the secret, which is probably lost forever.

About half a century ago an Italian priest named Luigi Taranti discovered a method of making stained glass, the coloring of which was declared equal to that made by the ancients, whose secret has been lost. Taranti abandoned holy orders and set to work to execute the hundreds of commissions he received in the secrecy of his workshop at Ostia, near Rome. The finest stained glass windows in Italy were made by him, and he guarded his secret well. When a year later he was found dead of blood poisoning, set up by the pigments he employed, it was realized that he had carried his secret with him. The cleverest workmen were called in to examine the ingredients, but they one and all failed to penetrate the dead man's secret.

The person who could make composition billiard balls equal to those of ivory would quickly qualify as a millionaire, and it is not an impossible task, for it has already been done. Some years ago a Scotch manufacturer put composition billiard balls on the market which were as good as but only a third of the price of those already in use. He refrained from patenting his invention and made all the balls himself, even his family being prohibited from sharing his secret. But just as he was beginning to taste the fruits of his experiments he was one day mortally wounded by an accident in his workshop and died before he could make any statement. Experts were given specimens of the balls to analyze, but in spite of the fact that they succeeded in tracing the materials used they have long since given up all hopes of being able to discover how they were put together.

The only man who has yet been successful in taking photographs in color was a martyr to his discovery, the secret of which is lost. Some years ago Dr. Herbert Franklin of Chicago submitted a number of colored photographs of a somewhat crude nature, it is true to the leading American scientific institutions, and the encouragement he received was such that he built himself a laboratory, proof against the wiles of spies, at a cost of \$12,000, wherein to perfect his invention. In the preparation of his plates he used a charcoal fire, and one day when at work he omitted to open the ventilators and was found asphyxiated. He had refrained from divulging his secret to any one, and in consequence, although some partially finished plates that hid the secret remained, the way they were prepared is a problem that has baffled scientists to this day.

Another victim to his secret was Adams, the inventor of tellurium, the greatest discovery in the metals of the age. Adams was confident that a metal could be produced which, although as hard as steel, was only half its weight, and price, and after five years' experimenting with an electrical process tellurium was the result. The invention was taken up throughout America, and orders for thousands of tons of the metal began to pour in from the leading railway companies.

But it was too late. The enormous mental strain he had undergone, coupled with the sensation of finding millions within his grasp, took away his reason, and he was confined in an asylum. He left no records to explain the process, and no amount of persuasion drew the secret from him, which perished locked up in his brain when two years later he died a helpless lunatic.—London Tit-Bits.

Believes in the Theory.

"Somebody advances the idea that there are words that affect us just as certain colors do."

"I dunno about the colors, but I'm pretty sure to froth at the mouth every time I hear 'line's busy.'"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Invisible.

Briggs (sarcastically)—That was a beautiful, fine horse you sold me. Griggs—Wasn't he? As I said, not a blemish on him.

"No. All inside."—Detroit Free Press.

A man talks knowingly of the inconsistency of women and then proceeds to get mad if one of them proves he is right.—Chicago News.

C. H. McKenney, the lone tailor,

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A NEWSPAPER SCOOP

HOW IT WAS OBTAINED WITHOUT ANY DEPARTMENT LEAK.

Sources of Information of Which the Alert and Quick Witted Correspondent is Always Ready to Take Legitimate Advantage.

"Every once in awhile one reads in the newspapers of the determination of some one of the high government officials to discover the source of 'the leak' of a piece of news which it was not desired should be given out at that particular time," remarked an old Washington correspondent, "and without giving the solution to the secret escapes of public information, as they vary, I will tell you of one instance which serves to show how news appears in print in what is considered by all concerned to be a very mysterious manner."

Like all mysteries, when unraveled it is wondered that it was not thought of before. My story is entirely a part of the secret sources of information which all correspondents have more or less at their disposal and which often comes from the outside and not from the inside of the departments.

"Some time ago—the precise time is not essential to the story—a very important public matter was up for determination by the president. All of the larger metropolitan dailies were particularly interested, as it did not have to do especially with Washington, and the entire correspondents' world at the capital was on the quiver to 'get it,' including myself. All channels which were usually tapped by the initiated were found to be as barren as a desert stream in midsummer. Telegrams from the home offices poured into our various bureaus here couched in imperative language that the news 'must' be obtained, evidently in the belief that all correspondents have to do is to go out, ask officials for the desired information and receive it, coupled with a good cigar and a bottle of wine. As a matter of fact, when officials wish to keep secret a piece of information, all possible loopholes of escape are securely padlocked, and it is the exception that it gets out."

"I had about given up hope of securing a 'beat' in this particular instance, though I was, of course, as vigilant as ever. The time for the maturing of the project was close at hand, and any day it might by official announcement become public property. One night as I was sitting idly in my lobby of an uptown hotel, half dozing in my chair, waiting for the appearance of a senator with whom I had an appointment on an inconsequential matter, I overheard one of two gentlemen who were sitting behind me drop the words 'the president.' The high backs of our chairs nearly touched, and by instinct my drooping senses became clear and I woke up."

"The president," remarked one of the gentlemen, "said that it was his intention to shut out correspondents of the consequences either to himself or the party."

"But you pointed out to him what it meant to us—that he was clearly in error," replied the other gentleman.

"Elaborately," responded the first speaker, "but the president said that he was convinced that accruing results would prove that we, and not he, were in error."

"Then we may as well go back to New York tomorrow," was the answer, and both gentlemen arose and walked toward the cafe, apparently in a very despondent frame of mind.

"I was an involuntary listener to this scrap of conversation, in which, it will be observed, not a single word was dropped as to the subject matter thereof. I at once jumped to the conclusion that the government, through the president's action, intended to take the affirmative of the proposition, the news side of which the correspondents had so long and earnestly endeavored to ascertain. With a straight tip as to the course of the government, the correspondent could do the rest, while with the wrong tip he could not only make his paper ridiculous, but would in all probability lose his position; hence the care in making a sure head, page wide story."

"In the furtherance of my conclusion my paper had the 'beat' of the season the following morning, as I stated the facts as though they came from official sources, as, indeed, I considered them. To my mind, as a correspondent, it was as clear as if the president himself had given me the information. Two days after a member of the cabinet gave out officially what I had wired over and with it the announcement that the 'leak' had occasioned much 'annoyance, and its source would be investigated thoroughly.' It is here given correctly for the first time."—Washington Star.

What the Hair Tells.

Women who are the possessors of fine black hair are emotional and of very sensitive nerves. Coarse black hair is said to denote great energy, but an unenviable disposition. Women who have brown hair make the best wives, for they are almost invariably full of sentiment, impassioned, "high strung," loyal and easily affected. Red haired people are nearly always keen in business transactions, quick of perception, high tempered and witty. The woman who has blond hair is impulsive and loving, but usually fickle, although an agreeable companion.—Pittsburgh Press.

An Appetizer.

Gentleman (at restaurant)—I say, waiter, your customers are a fearfully noisy lot!

"Yes, sir, and yet they are so particular, you would scarcely believe. Why, that same turbot you are eating just now no fewer than six of them refused before you came in!"

Doing Well.

Visitor—Well, Tommy, how are you getting on at school?

Tommy (aged eight)—First rate. I ain't doing as well as some of the other boys, though I can stand on my head, but I have to put my feet against the wall.—New York News.

Badly Expressed.

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Thousands of people actually think themselves to death every year by allowing their minds to dwell on morbid subjects.

As a rule, the thought that kills relates to something the individual dreads more than anything else in the world. There is the germ of fatal thought in ninety-nine persons in every hundred, and the exception is only proof against the thought disease by having been inoculated with the lymph of optimism or philosophy.

The idea that one has some incipient disease in one's system, the thought of financial ruin, that one is getting on in life without improving prospects—any of them or a thousand similar thoughts may carry a healthy man to a premature grave. A melancholy thought that fixes itself upon one's mind needs as much "doctoring" as physical disease. It needs to be eradicated from the mind or it will have just the same result as a neglected disease would have. The thought disease sometimes cures itself after running its course; so does smallpox. But who would settle down to suffer from smallpox and chance recovery, as thousands of foolish persons settle down to let the thought disease, which has attacked them, do its worst?

Every melancholy thought, every morbid notion and every nagging worry should be resisted to the utmost, and the patient should be physicked by cheerful thoughts, of which there is a store in every one's possession, bright companions—cheaper than drugs and pleasant.

There have occurred scores of dozens of cases where healthy persons have thought themselves into having tumors and cancers—cases which admit of no doubt whatever that the diseases resulted from constant morbid fear. There might possibly be fewer cases of cancer if some great doctors could assure the world that it is not a hereditary disease, but morbid minded persons on hearing that there is cancer in their families generally do the very worst thing they can do under the circumstances—they conceive an awful dread that they will be afflicted with it. They dwell upon the fact constantly, and every trifling ailment which troubles them is at first mistaken for the preliminary symptoms of cancer.

The morbid condition of mind produces a morbid condition of body, and if the disease does happen to be in the system it receives every encouragement to develop.

POULTRY POINTERS.

The best eggs are the result of a good diet.

Weak legs come from forced growth, high feeding and close confinement. Use no deformed or weak fowls for breeding and do not keep the same cock more than one season.

A molting hen seldom lays. She cannot be supplying eggs while the strain of growing new feathers is upon her.

A very fat hen seldom lays anything but soft shelled eggs. Apoplexy and egg bound are the result of excessive fat.

Leaves and hay chaff make excellent litter for the floors, and by throwing grain among it fowls are often kept busy scratching.

Keep the fowls away from the barns, stables and carriage houses. In such places they are nuisances; besides they are more comfortable in a place by themselves.

Hens must have carbonate and phosphate of lime for their shells, and these will be found in old plastering, broken oyster shells and bones, with some of the meat and gristle attached.

A Persian Dinner.

A traveler in Persia thus describes a dinner served in the household of a wealthy Persian: "The chief dish consists of a bowl boiled to rags, surrounded by a toothsome mass of rice, hard boiled eggs, fried onions, almonds and raisins. There is a Shiraz wine, clear, golden red liquid that has traveled over the mountain passes on muleback in a huge glass carboy. Among the dessert manna has a conspicuous place. This delicacy is somewhat akin to nougat; it is studded with walnuts and almonds and is jaw sticking to the last degree. Like the mango, it is best eaten in private, for it renders the masticator speechless. It is made of gum that exudes from a tree and is said to be engendered by a worm."—Chicago News.

Fertile Cuba.

In Cuba cabbages frequently weigh as much as twenty pounds. All vegetables do well. Radishes may be eaten from fourteen to eighteen days after sowing, lettuce in five weeks after sowing, while corn produces three crops per year. Sweet potatoes are perpetual. The natives dig up the tubers, cut them off and plant the old vines, which produce a new crop in three months. All sorts of fruit, horticultural and greenhouse plants and bulbous stock are also grown.

Dampening His Ardo.

Desperate Sultor—Sir, I have reached that stage where I can no longer live without your daughter.

Heartless Parent—Well, I don't consider suicide a crime, young man, but you mustn't hang around here.—Chicago News.

A Paradox.

Belle—What a lovely buldog! Nan—I think he's horrid looking. Belle—Oh, but buldogs aren't lovely unless they're horrid looking.—Detroit Free Press.

Not a pound of all the coal burned in Switzerland is dug within the borders of that country.

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We close out our Ladies' Capes and Children's Jackets regardless of cost or value.

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AN ARAB'S PRAYER.

The Pica that Was Uttered by a Pilgrim to Mecca.

A correspondent of the London Post who witnessed a pilgrimage to Mecca records the following prayer which he heard delivered there by an Arab pilgrim:

"O Almighty God," he cried, "now I am sure you will not send me to hell! A place in paradise is surely reserved for me. You know I was not rich, being only a poor barber, but through my economy and perseverance I laid by some money. My first intention was to buy a wife with my savings; but, being, as you know, a sensible man, I thought it more advisable to make use of them to come to your house first of all to insure to myself a hour in paradise, and remember, O my Lord, that I want a palace as well. I do not want to be a shaver in the next world. We read in the traditions that those who hold high positions here will be miserable hereafter, where as the wretched in this life will be rich in heaven. So I implore you, in the name of Mohammed, our prophet, who was created before this world was made and who will sit down on your right hand on the day of judgment and plead on behalf of his people, to listen to my requests. When I return home, I have nothing to live on. Therefore I want a comfortable living to begin with, and, since it may be long before I meet the hour you are reserving for me in paradise, I want to have a nice little wife now. Nothing like the kind of woman I like. Nothing is hidden from you. I am not greedy, and so I shall not ask you for many. But, O Lord, may I ask you for two? For, as you know full well, it is not in the nature of a man to be contented with one."

The Love of Mothers.

Among the lower animals the mother's love for her offspring lasts only until the offspring is able to shift for itself. The hen will fret and fight for her downy chicks, but when they become feathered and commence to do their own foraging the mother hen becomes indifferent to them and thinks only of hatching another brood. The mare loves her foal and the cow her calf only during the suckling period. Canine dams cease to show affection to their progeny after the puppy age, says the San Francisco Bulletin.

So through the entire animal kingdom below the human species the maternal instinct endures only while the young ones are helpless and cease when they have grown up.

How different is the love of a human mother for her children! That love never dies and seems to grow more intense according as the children become less and less worthy of it. The black sheep is often the best beloved.

A Voracious Spider.

It is a curious study to watch the little white, brown speckled spiders which hover among plants seeking what they may devour. It seems almost incredible that they will conquer and carry off to their dens insects twice their size, but this is just what they do, capturing flies of the largest kind. They will hide under the petals of the flowers, and when Mr. Fly comes buzzing along they will spring out at him, and the next thing he knows he is being dragged off to be served up at a spider luncheon. They grip the fly by the neck, if he has a neck, and dart down the leaves, skip to the grass and away, sometimes taking flying leaps of a foot and a half, then disappearing no one knows where. It's the old story of the spider and the fly, only the spider doesn't stop to coax, but boldly carries off his booty without saying, "By your leave."

Sensible to the Last.

A good story is told of a late Dublin doctor famous for his skill and also his great love of money. He had a constant and enriching patient in an old shoemaker. This old lady was terribly rheumatic and unable to leave her sofa. During the doctor's visits she kept a one pound note in her hand, which duly went into Dr. C's pocket. One morning he found her lying dead on the sofa. Sighing deeply, the doctor approached, and, taking her hand in his, he saw the fingers closed on his fee.

NEWS OF THE WEEK

Port News Items of Interest to the Ledger Readers.

PIONEER FLOUR always has been still is the best.

If you want something very pretty up-to-date you can certainly get it Cadamortori's.

Miss Agnes Newman returned home on the Chico Normal school Sunday, and the holidays.

Everybody is invited to call and in our stock of Xmas goods, whether chasing or not. E. G. Freeman Co.

Do you like nice chocolate creams? You can get them at Cadamortori's.

Dr. Longo left Jackson on Monday for San Francisco, to spend the holidays with his wife and family, who are staying there with relatives.

Miss Axelrod came up from San Francisco last Sunday to spend her Christmas holidays in Jackson.

Nothing will please an invalid as well as a package of those fancy cakes from minetti's Mkt.

Toys, dolls, books, calendars, silverware, chateaux bags, and games in less profusion can be seen at Seman's.

Isn't it a puzzler to find a gift for a gentleman. Freeman's has lots of them this year for you to select from.

St. Augustine's church—Evening prayer and sermon Sunday evening at 7:30. All cordially invited to attend.

Miss Gertrude Hampton of Nevada county, says the Truckee Republican, visiting her parents near Jackson, during the holidays.

Will Jones has resigned his position as clerk at the National hotel, and has been succeeded by James Pontrose.

It has been said that "All whiskey is bad." But "Jesse Moore" is better than others. Found at all first-class places.

William Sobey and wife came up from Vallejo last Monday to spend Christmas with relatives in Jackson.

For over half a century "Jesse Moore" Whisky has held its supremacy as the best, purest and most palatable.

Mrs. W. Chamberlain gave an entertainment in Love's hall on Saturday evening. The affair was sustained by pupils who have been trained by her, and was well appreciated by the audience.

Miss Marie Wilson, a niece of Mr. and Mrs. M. Newman, has been dangerously ill with typhoid fever in a hospital in San Francisco, but at this writing is considered out of danger, and is improving slowly.

Don't miss our ad this week for bargains. Jackson Shoe Store.

Mrs. S. Axelrod, who arrived in Jackson from San Francisco last week, is a visit to her daughter, Mrs. J. Lukfeld, has decided soon after the Christmas holidays, to take a pleasure trip to Chicago and New York, accompanied by her daughter. Their eastern tour will last a month, when they will return direct to California.

C. R. Renno, who is in the employ of the Standard Electric Company, left for San Francisco Monday morning, where he expects to be employed for the next two months on special work for the company, after which he expects to return to Electro.

Just arrived—A large assortment of nasquerade costumes which are on display under the supervision of a lady attendant, a room having been engaged for the occasion at the White House, Jackson, Cal.

Dr. L. M. Hartley preached a temperance sermon in the M. E. church last Sunday evening. He is an earnest and enthusiastic worker in this special field. He told what had been accomplished in other places on the coast by the efforts of a few resolute workers.

A committee was appointed consisting of F. A. Morrow, F. Dunstan, and T. J. Seymour to interview the citizens on the anti-saloon movement.

Katie Vermente, the eight-year-old daughter of Paul Vermente of Jackson, died at her home here Friday, from rheumatism of the heart, after a brief illness of eight days. The remains were interred in the Catholic cemetery last Sunday.

The current was turned on to the new power line of the Standard Electric Company, between Electro and Sutter, for the first time last Sunday. Everything worked to a charm. The new line makes a difference of 50 per cent in distance, the new line making Sutter Creek on a direct line of eight miles, whereas the old line by way of Jackson is twelve miles long. The power saved by reduced distance is therefore an important point in favor of the new line.

Frank Valvo while out hunting last Sunday with a magazine gun met with a peculiar accident. In discharging the gun, in some unexplained manner the cartridges in the magazine were also exploded, blowing the magazine part to pieces. Frank was somewhat shaken up by the concussion, but was pleased to find himself unharmed.

Look at our ad this week for bargains. Jackson Shoe Store.

M. E. church services December 28. Sunday school, 10 a. m.; sermon by Rev. Ralph, 11 a. m.; Epworth League topic, "Our heavenly home and the way," 6:30 p. m.; sermon by pastor, 7:30 p. m.

St. Augustine's church Sunday school children were made happy with their Christmas gifts Christmas eve. The older scholars kindly voted to omit them this year, so the younger ones received their gifts as usual. The following children took part in the program: Mildred Oliver, Bertha Laswell, Lillian Gregor, Nettie Tuson, Ida Rule, Mabel Rule, Beatrice White, Leo Schwartz and the rector, Wm. Tuson.

Henry E. Allan of Amador City, has purchased the photographic business of Wallace Kay on Main street. His studio is now open, and the public is invited to give him a generous share of its patronage.

AMADOR CITY.

AMADOR CITY, Dec. 22.—Rev. Dr. Hartley lectured at the M. E. church on Wednesday evening on the anti-saloon question.

At the M. E. parsonage Sunday evening of last week, Miss Reta Calvin and Frank Burns were united in marriage, the Rev. Mr. Walker officiating. Both of the contracting parties are strangers in our town, but expect to reside here in the future.

Willie Freshman has come up from the San Mateo college to spend the holidays with his father.

Miss Lizzie Purrington is spending the holidays with her parents at the Fremont.

Miss Louise McLaughlin is visiting relatives here.

A unique wedding took place Thursday forenoon at the home of Mrs. O. E. Martin, when Miss Alpha Martin and Frank W. Hanson were made one.

Everett and Blanche Martin, brother and sister of the bride, acted as attendants. The groom is unknown here, but the bride was born and raised here, but of late years has followed her chosen profession of music in San Francisco.

After the ceremony, which was performed by the Rev. L. F. Walker, the guests were ushered to the dining room, where they enjoyed the wedding luncheon. About 2:30 o'clock the newly married pair departed amid showers of rice for a brief wedding tour.

Immediately after Mr. Walker had performed the marriage ceremony at Mrs. Martin's, he was hastened away to Pioneer, where he was again instrumental in making "two hearts beat as one," the contracting parties being James Lunt and Miss Hattie Williams, both of that vicinity.

Mr. Walker has been ill. He would have it known that it is not that wedding do not agree with him, but he earnestly desires that all the young people would not want to be married on the same day.

Jamie Chichizola has returned from college for the Xmas vacation.

E. LOIS.

PLYMOUTH.

PLYMOUTH, Dec. 24.—At the last regular meeting of the Native Sons the following were initiated: Fred Ball, James Dohman, George Roberts, Jack Pritchard, Clarence Ball, Lawrence Ball and Tom Davis. After the initiation refreshments were served at the Central hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rogers, who reside in the northern part of the state, came here last Sunday eve to spend the holidays with the latter's people.

Mrs. Easton is able to sit up.

Master Fred Gordon came up from Oakland Tuesday.

William Kronger, who has been under the care of Drs. Tiffany and Boyson for the past week, is on the improve.

A few from here attended the dance given by the Grainger orchestra in Latrobe last Friday eve.

John Doman of Santa Cruz, is the guest of his mother, Mrs. Annie Doman.

Messames Snider and Venewitz of Oleta, who have undergone an operation at the Forest House, are able to come down to their meals.

Jasper Phillips is on the sick list.

Mr. Gessler was buried Thursday by the Masons and Odd Fellows. The procession was formed at the I. O. O. F. hall and marched to the cemetery, where the services were held at the grave.

A Xmas tree and school entertainment will be held in the M. E. church this eve. To-morrow evening a social dance will take place in Shields' hall.

OMEGO.

A Woman's Awful Peril.

"There is only one chance to save your life and that is through an operation" were the startling words heard by Mrs. I. B. Hunt of Lime Ridge, Wis., from her doctor after he had vainly tried to cure her of a frightful case of stomach trouble and yellow jaundice. Gall stones had formed and she constantly grew worse. Then she began to use Electric Bitters which wholly cured her. It's a wonderful Stomach, Liver and Kidney remedy. Cures Dyspepsia, Loss of Appetite, Try it. Only 50 cts. Guaranteed. For sale by D. B. Spagnoli.

Board of Education.

A special meeting of the Amador county board of education was held in the office of the superintendent of schools in the court house building on Saturday last. Miss Alice E. Gartlin presided, all other members of the board being present.

The district teachers' reports of the various 7th primary grade examinations were handed in and passed upon, and the board issued 7th grade promotion diplomas to the successful pupils of Franklin and Plymouth district schools. Duplicates of 7th grade diplomas were also issued to Miss Katie Millisch of Sutter Creek, and George Love of Oleta; the original certificates having been accidentally destroyed.

After the noon recess, Miss Annie M. Jennings and Miss Edna A. Rust, in accordance with a call recently issued by the board, presented the names of certain books which they desired to have placed upon the regular list in the school libraries. Their requests were acceded to, subject to a personal inspection of the books in question by the board, copies of which the before mentioned teachers agreed to furnish at a future date.

Kodol Dyspepsia Cure.

Digests all classes of food, tones and strengthens the stomach and digestive organs. Cures Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Stomach Troubles, and makes rich, red blood, health and strength. Kodol rebuilds worn-out tissues, purifies, strengthens and sweetens the stomach. Gov. G. W. Atkinson, of W. Va., says: I have used a number of bottles of Kodol and have found it to be a very effective and, indeed, a powerful remedy for stomach ailments. I recommend it to my friends. Kerr's Pharmacy, Jackson.

Postmaster Geo. C. Folger was the victim of a stroke of paralysis last Sunday. The stroke was not a severe one. It seized him in the left leg, which he has been unable to use in walking since. He is improving slowly, and hopes to be able to resume his place in the post-office in a few days.

SUPERIOR COURT.

HON. R. C. RUST, JUDGE.

Matter of adoption of Blanche A. Bennetts—Petition of Chas. H. Shields to adopt said minor child, and consent of mother and said minor child filed. Petition granted.

Estate of Falissi Galissi—Geo. A. Gritton appointed administrator.

Estate of John Nelson—G. A. Gritton appointed administrator.

People vs. Owen Fallon—On motion of district attorney the case was dismissed and defendant discharged.

People vs. Luigi Napoli, charged with assault with a deadly weapon. Defendant arraigned, and pleaded guilty of simple assault, and sentenced to 60 days in county jail.

NEW CASES.

Estate of Michael T. Gorman—M. T. Gorman jr. petitions for letters testamentary. Deceased left a will, the heirs being M. T. Gorman, aged 35, and Mary Dell Gorman, aged 23, both residents of Amador county, and who are named as executor and executrix of said will; the latter renounces her right to act. The estate consists exclusively of personal property in Amador county and San Francisco, the value of which is not stated. C. P. Vicini is attorney for petitioner.

John Eckart and Elizabeth Eckart vs. John Windmiller—Suit to cancel a bond for a deed to a mining claim. Complaint sets forth that on the 13th of December, 1902, plaintiffs were the owners of a quartz mine known as the Alta mine, and mill site and 40 acres of timber land in Volcano district; that on said day defendant fraudulently secured from plaintiffs, who are old and infirm, and unaccustomed to business transactions, a bond for a deed for all the above named property for an alleged price of \$3000, and concealed from them the fact that said bond included the 40 acres of timber land, and represented that the purchase price mentioned in bond was \$6000, whereas the price stated is \$3000. He also delivered certain papers which he represented to be guarantees for the payment of \$6000, but which it is alleged are worthless, and contain provisions almost impossible of fulfillment. Wherefore judgment is asked that said bond be declared null and void, and defendant be required to deliver up the same for cancellation. Caminetti & Bole, attorneys for plaintiffs.

A Quiet Wedding.

James Forshey and Miss Sophia Tucker were quietly married last Sunday by the Rev. Wm. Tuson at St. Augustine's church, shortly after the completion of the morning service. Miss Ethel Fullen acted as bridesmaid, and Wm. John Tucker, elder brother of the youthful bride, officiated as best man. The bride was elegantly attired in a gown of steel gray, tastefully trimmed with red velvet and white silk. Pinned to her corsage was an elegant bouquet of Gloire de Dijon roses entwined with maiden hair fern. Her hat was a white Gainsborough, trimmed with silk of a similar color, surmounted with a splendid white ostrich plume. The bridesmaid was becomingly attired in a dark green robe, trimmed with white silk, covered with black lace net-work. After the ceremony the bridal party proceeded to the residence of the bride's father, George Tucker, of Jackson Gate, where an appropriate wedding feast was prepared. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Tucker (the parents of the bride), Mrs. Forshey (the bridegroom's mother), Miss Ethel Fullen, Wm. John Tucker, Thomas Miller, Geo. Tucker, Herbert Tucker, and Masters Alfred Tucker, Ray Whitty and John Miller. Many handsome presents were received by the bride from her friends, among which were: a handsome white and gold toilet set; a green cut-glass water set; handsome arm chair and lounge, upholstered in silk velvet; silver dessert holder; a fine nickel plated cook stove, and a number of other articles. After the nuptial repast, the happy couple departed for San Francisco, in which vicinity they will spend a couple of weeks' honeymoon.

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Judge Brown Laid to Rest.

The funeral of the late Judge A. C. Brown took place from the family residence on Church street last Friday afternoon, the obsequies being conducted by the Rev. Geo. H. Van Vliet, pastor of the M. E. church. After reading the usual services for the dead, the rev pastor paid an impressive and touching tribute to the memory of the deceased. The remains were then conveyed to the Protestant cemetery for interment, the pall bearers being Judge R. C. Rust, D. B. Spagnoli, C. P. Vicini, R. C. Bole, W. M. Penry and Fayette Mace, all of Jackson. The bar association of Amador county attended in a body, and the funeral was largely attended by friends and acquaintances from Jackson, Sutter Creek, Amador, Ione, Drytown, Volcano and other districts of Amador county, many pioneers, old associates of the deceased, being present. Kent & Co. had charge of the funeral arrangements.

Delinquent Taxes.

The total delinquent taxes on the first instalment of taxes for the current year have been footed up by the county auditor. The total for the county amounts to \$287,33; the amount of the 15 per cent penalty amounts to \$422.16, with the sum of \$1,905 discarded on account of fractions.

Lecture.

Rev. Geo. H. Van Vliet D. D. will deliver his famous lecture on Our Country and the Dynamics of the Universe in Volcano Armory hall, on New Year's eve, Dec. 31st. Music, refreshments and a good time expected. Free admission.

Old Judge whiskey. Try it, and you will want no other.

MINING NOTES.

GARDELLA.—The company which has under operation the Easy Bird quartz mine on the Mokelumne river, and other properties in the vicinity of Jesus Maria, has, we understand, taken hold of the Gardella mine at Big Bar, on the Amador side of the Mokelumne river, and is making arrangements to commence development work. During the week Daniel Black has been engaged in hauling lumber to the mine for the erection of necessary buildings. This property is owned by Joseph Gardella, who has erected thereon a two-story mill and has been operating it successfully on his own hook for some time without the aid of capital. This speaks well for the merits of the mine, for few quartz properties there are in the state which will even begin to warrant single-handed operation.—Calaveras Chronicle.

ARGONAUT—KENNEDY.—W. P. Detert, the principal stockholder in the Argonaut mine, who was present at the re-argument of this famous case before the supreme court of the United States in Washington recently, returned from his eastern trip last Sunday. He says that while it is uncertain how long a time will elapse before the final decision is rendered, the indications point to a speedy decision. A motion was made that the attorneys be allowed 10 days in which to file printed copies of their arguments. This motion was opposed on account of the time asked for being too long, and the period was reduced to five days. From this it is inferred that the court will take up the matter at an early date.

SHEANDOAH.—The company operating this mine, which is under the superintendency of S. K. Thornton, is plodding along with the development work in a manner that commands the admiration and good wishes of all. The mine is situated in Plymouth district, and considerably to the east of what is known as the mother lode. The shaft has reached a depth of 1000 feet, and Mr. Thornton reports that it is now in vein matter.

ONEIDA.—Pumping is going on steadily from the 2000 foot level, and it is confidently expected that sinking for the 2200 foot level will commence after new year.

CENTRAL EUREKA.—Another rich strike is reported to have been made at the Central Eureka mine near here. The vein averages about \$5 per ton, but last week a pocket was struck which realized over \$40,000.

SOUTH EUREKA.—Drifting north and south at the 2300 level in the South Eureka mine is now in progress. In the meantime the 20-stamp mill at this mine is idle, pending development at the before mentioned level.

GWYN.—The Gwyn Mine Development Company last week declared a fortieth dividend of 15 cents per share, aggregating \$15,000, and payable Dec. 16. This will make the total dividends for 1902, \$155,000. The total dividends declared under the present ownership amount to \$425,500.

Saw Death Near.

"It often made my heart ache," writes L. C. Overstreet, of Elgin, Tenn., "to hear my wife cough until it seemed her weak and sore lungs would collapse. Good doctors said she was so far gone with Consumption that no medicine or earthly help could save her, but a friend recommended Dr. King's New Discovery and persistent use of this excellent medicine saved her life." It's absolutely guaranteed for Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, Asthma and all Throat and Lung diseases. 50c and \$1.00 at D. B. Spagnoli's drugstore. Trial bottles free.

Dick Edwards Paroled.

The board of prison directors at a meeting at San Quentin last Saturday passed Dick Edwards, who was convicted of murder in the second degree for killing a man in Jackson over eight years ago. This action of the prison authorities will be hailed by all who are acquainted with the facts as a just interposition of the pardoning power. Indeed, many are of the opinion that Edwards was harshly dealt with; that he acted more in self defense, than from malicious motives. He was sentenced to eleven years in the penitentiary, so that with credits for good behavior the parole means about one year deducted from his sentence.

What's In a Name?

Everything is in the name when it comes to Witch Hazel Salve. E. C. DeWitt & Co. of Chicago, discovered some years ago, how to make a salve from Witch Hazel that is a specific for Piles. For blind, bleeding, itching and protruding Piles, eczema, cuts, burns, bruises and all skin diseases, DeWitt's Salve has no equal. This has given rise to numerous worthless counterfeits. Ask for DeWitt's—the genuine. Kerr's Pharmacy, Jackson.

Seeds, Seeds, Free.

We have received from Senator Perkins 100 packages of garden seeds for free distribution. Each package contains five varieties of seeds. We shall be pleased to distribute these seeds to subscribers and others. We cannot undertake to send them through the mail. Parties wanting them are requested to call at the office. We have also a number of copies of the agricultural year book of 1900—a publication full of interesting information to farmers and others. These may also be had for the asking.

James Robertson, an old and highly respected resident of Amador county, died at home of his niece in Woodbridge on Sunday last, after an illness of eight days. The body was brought to Jackson, and interred in the Protestant cemetery, by the side of his brother Duncan, who preceded him to the grave about a year ago. Deceased was a brother of Mrs. C. M. Meek of Jackson, and Mrs. G. W. Horn of Defender. For many years he occupied a ranch south of the Mountain Springs, but for the last eight months he made his home at the residence of his niece in Woodbridge. He was 74 years of age, and a native of Canada.

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Cassinelli's New Store.

On or about the first of January Pete Cassinelli will remove from his present location near the bridge on Broadway, to more commodious premises. He has leased the Whitmore building on Broadway, in front of the lumber yard, and will open the same on the date mentioned, as a first-class, up-to-date fruit, produce and general grocery store. The premises have been entirely re-modeled, a new bay window 8 feet wide by 10 feet high replacing the old one. The dimensions of the new store are 20 ft. wide x 30 ft. long x 12 ft. high. It is fitted up with a fine oak-grained counter, 18 ft. x 2 ft., the entire length being surmounted with a superb french polished sugar pine top. Along the sides of the store are two runs of oak grained shelving, each 30 feet wide, and in the rear stands a large refrigerator of the most modern type, in which to store poultry, cheese, butter and other perishable articles during warm weather. Mr. Cassinelli came to Jackson from Volcano four years ago. Since that time his unvarying courtesy and urbanity have won him a host of friends in this vicinity, and his business has consequently been on the "up grade" for some time past, so much so that he has been compelled to seek more commodious quarters. He has now on sale an especially fine stock of oranges, mountain apples, bananas, nuts, and other seasonable fruits. Also poultry, canned goods, fresh fish, etc., and those who desire good value for their money should not fail to promptly patronize him. In conclusion, it may be said, his enterprise and pluck are worthy of emulation by all, and we heartily wish him success in his new undertaking.

A Cold Wave.

The forecast of sudden changes in the weather serves notice that a hoarse voice and a heavy cough may invade the sanctity of health in your own home. Cautious people have a bottle of One Minute Cough Cure always at hand. E. H. Wise, Madison, Ga., writes: "I am indebted to One Minute Cough Cure for my present good health, and probably my life." It cures Coughs, Colds, LaGrippe, Bronchitis, Pneumonia and all Throat and Lung troubles. One Minute Cough Cure cuts the phlegm, draws out the inflammation, heals and soothes the mucous membranes and strengthens the lungs. Kerr's Pharmacy, Jackson.

Burial of Mrs. Wilson.

In conformity with her last dying wishes the mortal remains of Mrs. Elizabeth Sargent Wilson were laid to rest at the family place near Middle Bar on Sunday last, with simple but impressive rites. The pall bearers were the deceased's three brothers, J. L., Frank and Hardie Sargent, and R. I. Kerr of Jackson. After the rendition of the well known hymn "Ave Sanctissima," by a choir consisting of Mrs. Fontenrose, Mrs. R. C. Rust, Miss Loretta Meehan, Miss Lottie Devan, and Geo. A. Gordon, Judge Rust, standing at the head of the grave, paid a touching tribute to the memory of the departed, after which her favorite hymn, "Nearer my God to Thee," was sung by those present. The funeral rites closed with an appropriate prayer by Mr. Gordon, and the remains were reverently consigned to the tomb. The floral pieces were many, and of exceeding beauty.

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The Owen Fallon Case.

The case of Owen Fallon, charged with the murder of Ray Meehan in August last, was dismissed in the superior court on Monday last, on motion of district attorney Vicini, and the defendant at once released from custody. After the one trial had, resulting in a disagreement of the jury, with a score of 11 to 1 in favor of acquittal, it was realized by the prosecution that it would be folly to attempt to try the case again unless further evidence was forthcoming. After waiting a reasonable time, without any new developments, the district attorney concluded that it was in line with his duty to the public and the defendant to move for a dismissal. We believe his action in this regard is in line with public sentiment. To have pressed it to a second trial without additional facts to strengthen the hands of the prosecution, would have been looked upon as a useless expenditure of public money, and an official might well shrink from assuming such a responsibility.

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Another Benedic.

Miss Jennie Lasswell and Frank Hewitt, both of Jackson, were married Christmas night at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert. The Rev. Geo. Van Vliet officiated, and Miss Daisy Bonnefoy and George Bonnefoy, cousins of the bride, acted as bridesmaid and groomsmen respectively. The newly wedded couple intend making their future home in San Francisco.

We are in receipt from J. H. Tibbitts, of a copy of the Redding Searchlight, giving a report of the result of the attempt to settle the strike at Keswick through a citizen's committee. Tibbitts being authorized by the striking union men to effect a reconciliation if possible. The attempt was a flat failure, the mine managers declining to accede to either demands of the striking employees. The matter hinged entirely on the recognition of the union, and the reinstatement of the men discharged, as the strikers claimed because they belonged to the union, but the company claims they were discharged for cause. The company firmly refused to comply with the terms made.

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Won the Bike.

The guessing contest at the Jackson shoe store for the handsome bicycle that has been on exhibition for some time was ended Christmas day. The beans in the boots were counted this morning, and the number found to be 4599. Mr. Boden guessed the exact number and was declared the lucky winner. The next nearest guess was by Mr. Nicolotti, who guessed 4620.

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Additional Locals.

Mrs. Opie Harper, in returning from a visit to Mrs. Gregor on Stump street Sunday evening, in company with her brother, Charley Williams, fell and sprained her ankle. She has been unable to walk since except with the aid of a cane.

William A. Woodworth, a pioneer resident of Sutter Creek, died at his home in that town on Tuesday morning December 23. He was taken sick only a few days before. The trouble was in the nature of appendicitis, and a surgical operation was deemed imperative. The operation was performed Monday night. Deceased was known throughout Amador county, and esteemed by all who knew him. He was engaged in furnishing supplies to the mines during the summer months. He was a native of Canada, and leaves a widow to mourn his departure.

The following letters remained uncalled for in the Jackson post-office December 26: Johnnie H. O'Neil, J. W. Miller.

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Dissolution of Copartnership.
NOTICE is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between Florence Giannini and C. W. Catto, in the hotel business at Drytown, Amador County, Cal., under the firm name of Catto & Giannini, has been dissolved. The business will hereafter be conducted by said Florence Giannini solely, with whom all parties indebted to said firm will please make prompt settlement.
Dated at Drytown, December 8, 1902.
FLORENCE GIANNINI.
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Notice to Creditors.
Estate of Benjamin Ross, Jr., deceased.
NOTICE is hereby given by the undersigned, administratrix of the estate of Benjamin Ross, Jr., deceased, to the creditors of and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit to the undersigned, within four months after the first publication of this notice to the said administratrix, at the law office of John F. Davis, Summit street, Jackson, Amador County, California, the same being the place for the transaction of the business of said estate, in said county of Amador.
Dated, Dec. 12, 1902.
GRACE H. ROSS,
Administratrix of the estate of Benjamin Ross, Jr., deceased.
John F. Davis, Attorney for administratrix. de12-5t

Notice of Hearing of Petition for Probate of Will.
In the Superior Court of the county of Amador, State of California.
In the matter of the last will and testament of Agostino Chichizola, deceased.
NOTICE is hereby given that Saturday, the 27th day of December, 1902, at ten o'clock a. m. of said day, and the court room of said county of Amador, State of California, will be held at the court-house in the town of Jackson, county of Amador, State of California, for the purpose of hearing the application of Julius Chichizola, petitioner, for the issuance of him of letters testamentary thereon.
Witness my hand and the seal of said court this 2nd day of December, 1902.
[Seal] By J. R. Huberty, Deputy Clerk.
John F. Davis, attorney for petitioner. de12-5t

Summons.
In the Superior Court of the county of Amador, State of California.
Consolidated Volcano-Amador Hydraulic Gold Mining and Land Company, plaintiff, vs. C. J. Decker, James Ward Hall, U. S. Arbuthnot, E. O. Arbuthnot, and G. J. Roote, defendants.
Action brought in the Superior Court of the county of Amador, State of California, and the complaint filed in the office of the clerk of said county of Amador.
John F. Davis, attorney for plaintiff.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA do hereby greet to C. J. Decker, James Ward Hall, U. S. Arbuthnot, E. O. Arbuthnot, and G. J. Roote, defendants. You are hereby directed to appear and answer the complaint against you in the Superior Court of the county of Amador, State of California, within ten days after the service on you of this summons—if served within this county; or, if within thirty days if served elsewhere. And you are hereby notified that, unless the defendants so appear and answer, the plaintiff will take judgment for all money or damages demanded in the complaint as arising upon contract, or will apply to the court for any other relief demanded in the complaint.
Given under my hand and the seal of the Superior Court of the county of Amador, State of California, this 27th day of September, A. D. 1902.
C. L. CULBERT, Clerk.
[Seal of Superior Court.] By J. R. Huberty, Deputy Clerk.
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Notice to Creditors.
ESTATE OF WILLIAM JENNINGS, DECEASED.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE undersigned, administrator of the estate of William Jennings, deceased, to the creditors of and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit to the undersigned, within four months after the first publication of this notice to the said administrator, at the law office of John F. Davis, Summit street, Jackson, Amador County, California, the same being the place for the transaction of the business of said estate, in said county of Amador.
Dated November 22, 1902.
WILLIAM JENNINGS, deceased.
John F. Davis, attorney for administrator. de12-5t

A Clerical Conundrum.
Archbishop Whately once asked the question: "Why can a man never starve to death?" and the answer he gave himself was as follows: "Because he can eat the sand which is there. But what brought the sandwiches there? Why, Noah sent Ham, and his descendants mustered and bred."

Taking Pains.
"Genius," quoted Smuthers, "is an infinite capacity for taking pains."
"Then," remarked Smithers, "old Groanache must be a genius. He gets every ailment he hears any one else has."—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

What More?
He—You might at least have given me some warning that you were going to throw me over.
She—Well, haven't I been nice to you for over a week?

MAKING "Moonshine" Whisky.
"So this is the only liquor distillery in all these mountains!" remarked the visitor to a little mountain settlement in North Carolina in a tone that was far questioning.
"It do be," said the mountain whisky maker.
"How much do you turn out in a day?" asked the stranger.
"Waal, I reckon we make along about twenty gallons a day."
"And is that all the whisky that's drunk in these parts?"
"Say, you beent no revenue sharp, be you?" he demanded suddenly.
"Cause if you be I ain't got nothin' to say. I pays my taxes, as ever' one knows, an' that's all there is to it."
After a time the stranger persuaded him that there was no ulterior motive in his questioning, and the old man explained the whisky situation.
"I tote you this was the only still around here, an' so it is—the only one that pays a tax. But," he continued, "every old woman in these mountains has a copper kettle in which she boils her washing. Every old woman has a lid that fits the copper kettle tightly, and that can be fastened down. They boil clothes in them on Monday, and they boil whisky in them the other six days of the week."—New York Tribune.

Seeing the Beautiful.
Franklin tells a story of a man whose two legs were very unlike—one hand-some, the other deformed. Whenever any one who visited him looked at the ugly leg and commented on it, he held the man to be looking for the bad side of things and folk. But if the visitor saw his handsome limb and commented on its beauty he held the fellow to be worth esteem, for he looked at the good side of things and probably would see the best in his neighbors and friends. Is it easier to see other people's virtues than their faults? I have at last come to see that folk are far better that they get credit for being.

When Carlyle and Emerson walked London and saw the horror of gin palaces and the miseries of poverty, the former said, "What do you think now of the Saxon stock?" Emerson answered, "The more I see of the English people the more I admire their power and wonder at their progress."

A Department Story.
It was during the Spanish-American war that a wealthy merchant, who had left his business to offer his services to his country, was pacing up and down on picket duty one dark night. Suddenly he detected sounds of approaching footsteps, and quickly bringing his gun in position, commanded in a sonorous voice:
"Give the countersign!"

The person challenged proved to be an enlisted good clerk formerly employed by the merchant before the war broke out. As the clerk eyes met a smile played around the corners of the clerk's mouth, and he answered in a low whisper:
"Cash!"

Then the merchant, bringing his piece to a right shoulder, let him pass and resumed his pacing.—Lippincott's.

The Blue of Sapphires.
Star sapphires are generally of a grayish blue tint, and the star is exhibited in its greatest perfection when looked at by the light of the sun or a candle. The sapphire is found of all tints and shades of blue, but the color which approximates to the shade formerly called "blue de roi" is the most valuable. A really fine sapphire should appear blue by artificial light as well as by day. This stone is found in crystals generally of much larger size than the ruby. The name "sapphire" is perhaps the only one which runs through all languages with very slight alteration; the Hebrew name saphir, the Chaldean sappir, the Greek sappheiros, the Latin sapphirus, etc.

Always Tired.
Tired Tatters—Here's a piece in this paper won't be a insult to de profess.
Weary Walker—Wot's it say?
Tired Tatters—It sez dat a feller ortn't ter eat nuttin' when he's tired.
Weary Walker—Well, wot's de matter wid dat item?
Tired Tatters—Wot's de matter wid it? Say, do yousse want er feller ter starve ter death?—Exchange.

A Puzzled Youngster.
Harry is the youngest of the family, the only boy among several girls, and sometimes the superior advantages of girls seem to weigh heavily on his youthful mind. The other day we heard him say thoughtfully to himself: "Women always first. I wonder why God didn't make 'em first, but he didn't. He made Adam first."

Life and Death.
Life, after all, is a masquerade, says a writer in the Pittsburg Press. We fear to show our tenderness and our love. We habitually hide our best feelings lest we be judged weak and emotional. Sometimes it needs death to show us ourselves and to teach our friends our deep and unsuspected kindness.

Passion.
Passion warps and interrupts the judgment. He that can reply calmly to an angry man is too hard for him. Plato, speaking of passionate persons, says they are like men who stand on their heads—they see all things the wrong way.

A Bad Scrape.
The Barber—Did you hear about the bad scrape Jaggsy got into yesterday?
The Victim—No. Did you shave him?

The Bark of a Dog.
Strangely enough, barking, which seems to us so characteristic of the dog, is not one of its natural sounds at all. No wild dogs bark, and what is more remarkable, if dogs are isolated for a long time from their human masters they seem to lose the faculty. Thus a number of dogs turned loose on Juan Fernandez island were found in thirty-three years to have completely lost the habit, but to be able to reacquire it. On the other hand, wolf puppies, as well as young wild dogs, if reared among tame ones, readily learn to bark. It almost seems as if the sound were differentiated from the howling and yelping natural to the wild canine in order to communicate with man and serve his purpose. It is worth noting that the habit can be imprinted when the dog is in some breeds of dogs favored by poachers.

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AMERICAN SOCIETY.
Its Basis, Whether We Deplore or Ignore It, Is Wealth.
"American society," says Ainslee's, "has been definitely established upon a monetary basis. We may deplore the fact, or we may ignore it, but it is a fact, and it is very much the wisest thing to admit of our disposition to do it. For if we assume our social standards and conditions to be different from what they really are, how are we going to study them and understand them and get at their philosophy? From the point of view of a scientific observer, the classification of everybody and everything according to a financial principle of division, is a good thing, for it greatly simplifies the whole subject."

"Formerly there was no classification of any kind. American life was chaos, socially, full of all sorts of anomalies and incongruities. Every section of the country had its own standard of distinction, and this standard was recognized and respected nowhere else. Thus in New England literacy, scholastic or theological eminence was held to confer a certain cachet upon those who had obtained it. In the microcosm of which Philadelphia used to be the center ancestry counted most of all. This was also true to some extent of the south, yet there, as in the west, political prominence carried with it social leadership. Now York—always more or less impossible to formulate—was a place where there existed social wheels within wheels and social planes that never touched; though, on the whole, perhaps the combination of ancestry and money meant in those days what money alone means at the present time."

Sound Advice.
Young men, you are the architects of your own fortune. Rely on your own strength of body and soul. Take for your guiding star self reliance. Subscribe on your banner, "Luck is a fool; Pluck is a hero." Don't take too much advice; keep at your helm and steer your own ship, and remember that the great art of commanding is to take a fair share of the work. Think well of yourself, strike out, assume your own position. Haul potatoes in a cart over a rough road, and the small ones go to the bottom. Rise above the envious and jealous fire above you. Mark you intend to hit. Energy, invincible determination, with a right motive, are the levers that move the world. Don't drink; don't smoke; don't swear; don't deceive; don't marry until you can support a wife; be in earnest; be self-reliant; be generous; be civil; read the papers; advertise your business; make money and do good with it; love your God and fellow men; love truth and virtue; love your country and obey its laws.—Exchange.

Clubs, Cabs and Gout.
A physician talking to a reporter of a New York paper asserted recently that gout is rapidly increasing in that city as a disease prevalent among the wealthy classes, the increase being altogether out of proportion to the growth of population. He claims that this is largely attributable to the increase of clubs, fashionable restaurants and cafes and also to the general use of cabs, even when the distance from the club to the home is only a few blocks. If people would take more active exercise in the open air, they would run less risk from heavy meals. He says that rich foods are more responsible for gout than wine, although practically the two usually go together.

Editorial Indignation.
The lady (who yesterday called the attention of another to our patched breeches, whereat both laughed so heartily, is informed that a new pair will be purchased when her husband's will be settled. It has been due nearly a year. Don't criticize a printer's dress too closely while you are wearing silk with money due us. Tell your husband to send us \$40.75 and save the cost of a lawsuit.—Des Moines Register and Leader.

The Artist's Achievement.
Towne—I guess we'll have to take back all the sneering things we said about D'Auber.
Brown—He told me yesterday he had just completed a five thousand dollar painting for Mr. R. S. Tate.
Brown—Yes, it was a large sign, "This Corner Lot, 60 by 140, For Sale, \$5,000."—Philadelphia Press.

The Widow's Will.
"Well," said the lady who was endeavoring to give the widow consolation, "the worst is over now."
"The widow?" answered the afflicted one. "The lawyer says there's a bad flaw in one of the insurance policies."—Chicago Record-Herald.

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